

HONORING JACKSON FRY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jackson Fry. Jackson is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jackson has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jackson has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jackson has become a Firebuilder in the tribe Mic-O-Say. Jackson has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jackson stenciled over 125 storm drains for the City of Lee's Summit to reduce flooding and pollution in their local lakes and streams.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jackson Fry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN ALLEN
CHIPMAN**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

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Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Steven Chipman of Ellington, CT. Steven died this past March and we in Eastern Connecticut are at a loss. He was a patriot, protector, and family man.

Steven Allen Chipman was born and raised in Rockville, CT. A graduate of Rockville High School and Manchester Community College, Steven joined the Connecticut National Guard in 1986 and served until 1992. He also enjoyed a 23-year career with the Vernon Police Department, before opening his own firm, Innovative Investigators, LLC.

Although Steven wore many hats in his short life, I think "protector" would be the most fitting descriptor for this man who gave so much. He was a defender of his hometown and country and a loving father. He also had a gentle way with all people. His childhood friends describe him as the sort of person who looks out for the little guy. Steven was also incredibly patient—a quality he instilled in his children, Hunter and Jake, who very much consider their father a superhero.

Steven was a beloved member of his community, and he will be missed greatly by all of those who benefited from his loyalty and service, especially the residents of our hometown of Vernon. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring Steven Chipman and expressing our deepest sympathies for his family and friends, and the eastern Connecticut region who lost a valued public servant.

CONGRATULATING DENISE
CHAVARRIA**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Denise Chavarria of Santa Clara Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Ms. Chavarria comes from a long line of artists and potters. Inspired by her family's technique, she strives to continue making pottery according to ancient methods. Using clay from the hills where she lives, she delicately carves and paints her pieces.

Ms. Chavarria utilizes traditional hand-coiling methods to craft her pottery. She uses an open fire for red pots and other Pueblo methods of production to make black-on-black designs, depending on the finish she desires.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Denise Chavarria for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

HONORING RONALD WESLEY EICK,
JR.**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIKE THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald Wesley Eick, Jr. on being selected as the Napa County Teacher of the Year and nominated as Napa County's nominee for California State Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Eick was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois along with his two younger siblings. He earned his Associate of Applied Science in General Education from Moraine Valley Community College. Mr. Eick served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. After being honorably discharged, he stayed in Northern California. He received his Associate of Applied Science in Electronics from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor of the Arts in Mathematics and Education from Western Governors University. Mr. Eick also holds a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Touro University.

Mr. Eick has been a mathematics teacher at American Canyon High School for the last nine years. Each day he strives to have every student in his classes understand the math he is teaching. He begins each day recognizing that students "don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Mr. Eick tries to show his students how much he cares about their understanding of math and their well-being, frequently acting as a mentor, advisor and role model. He strives to show his students how to have strong character and live generously.

Mr. Eick is also the founder and advisor for Mu Alpha Theta, mentor and trainer for New Teacher Induction, advisor for Gay-Straight Alliance, assistant coach for the Robotics Club, leader in Math 2 Professional Learning Community and a site team member for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Eick is an experienced and passionate educator who supports his students both inside and outside the classroom. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA AND DEAN
GRIFFITH**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda and Dean Griffith of Bridgewater, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 26, 2018.

Linda and Dean's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Linda and Dean Griffith on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

HONORING SHEILA TUCKER WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheila Tucker as a woman of the year. She is committed to improving her community both through her career and volunteerism. Ms. Tucker has served The Leaven organization faithfully as Vice President since 2014. Through her leadership the Leaven has become a national award-winning program providing after-school and summer tutoring for children living in underprivileged communities. The Leaven began with one center and has grown under Ms. Tucker's leadership to nineteen centers serving eight cities and will expand to twenty-five centers by the end of this

year. Her work helps the Leaven to further its mission of supporting communities and inspiring neighborhoods to take on their challenges together. Ms. Tucker dedicates her time, talent, and expertise to an organization working to provide children with early education intervention and make a positive impact on their family and community for years to come. Outside of her work, she donates her time to such organizations as the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, the Soroptimists of Central Solano, the Napa/Solano Girl Scouts, and the Solano County Library Foundation. She is continuously generous with her time in service to her community and the positive difference she has made cannot be overstated.

HONORING MAYOR GEORGE
PRADEL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late A. George Pradel, who dedicated his life to the betterment of his hometown, Naperville, Illinois, most notably as mayor for two decades.

A lifelong Napervillean, Mr. Pradel began his life in public service by joining the military where he completed a three-year tour with the United States Marine Corps. After his time in the Marine Corps, he went on to serve as a police officer in his hometown. As an officer in Naperville he took it upon himself to educate students about the role of police in the community. He took a unique approach in doing so by helping develop "Safety Town," a miniature town on Aurora Ave. that teaches children about self-awareness, and staying safe in the community. His cheerful demeanor and eagerness to work with kids earned him the nickname "Officer Friendly."

As Officer Friendly continued to grow as an icon in Naperville, the community turned to him once again when it needed a leader, and in 1995 George Pradel was elected Mayor. As Mayor of Naperville, Mr. Pradel continued along the path that led him to office. He spoke at schools and events, he cut ribbons, and he was seen throughout the community, always with a smile.

Under Mayor Pradel's leadership Naperville transformed from a growing suburban town to an award-winning city. He helped Naperville attract businesses from around the world, he encouraged the continued excellence in Naperville schools, and he always supported local law enforcement efforts to keep his hometown safe.

Mr. Speaker, Naperville lost a great American in Mayor Pradel. I offer my greatest condolences to the Pradel family, and thank A. George Pradel for his lifetime of dedication to the city of Naperville and to our country.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL GROVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WINDSOR, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ in Windsor, Virginia.

In 1868, founding members of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ left Antioch, the Baptist church of their former slave owners where they had been forced to worship in the balcony. Led by their "Spiritual Leader," Isom Lawrence, the congregation began meeting under a bush arbor once a month for service. The origins of the church starting under a bush arbor is significant. For centuries, African slaves traditionally gathered in these sites for religious services. Worshippers of Chapel Grove traveled from near and far, and the journey was often a full day affair.

In 1899, Reverend Jetson Copeland and the congregation purchased property alongside present day Blackwater Road. After 17 years of construction, the church finally opened its doors in 1916. Even after several series of remodeling and expansion, the original sanctuary remains part of the church's foundation and reminds us of years of fellowship and service.

Originally called Chapel Grove Christian Church, this historic church has been renamed several times through the years. After merging with the Congregational Church, it was named Chapel Grove Congregational Christian Church. In 1957, after merging with the United Church of Christ, it procured its current name of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ. Today, the church is part of the Eastern Virginia District of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. This association represents 35 local black churches and 45 local white churches and continues to teach the word of God around the nation.

While Chapel Grove is primarily a place of worship, the church provides civic, health, cultural and educational programs that benefit the community. A few programs that I would like to highlight are "Ident-a-Kid", Celebrate Recovery and Career Day.

Additionally, Chapel Grove has sponsored college scholarships, a community daycare service called "Happy Hearts" and a weekend backpack stuffing program for students at Georgie D. Tyler Middle School. These programs are made possible by collaborating with local governments, including Isle of Wight Sheriff's Department.

Clearly, Chapel Grove United Church of Christ's congregation takes the call to community engagement seriously and that engagement is evident in their role in community sponsored events. Parishioners were influential in the Town of Windsor's Centennial Celebration and helped establish the Schoolhouse Museum in Smithfield, Virginia. Moreover, members of Chapel Grove participate in "Souper Saturday," an annual community soup lunch charged with raising money to provide financial assistance for wintertime heating.

Mr. Speaker, as Chapel Grove United Church of Christ celebrates this historic mile-

stone, its congregation can take pride in an inspiring 150 years of fellowship, worship and service. I would like to congratulate Reverend H. Carlyle Church, Jr. and all the members of the church's congregation on this joyous occasion, and I wish them many more years full of growth and prosperity.

HONORING JOEY ROCHELEAU

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joey Rocheleau. Joey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 763, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joey has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joey built a patio for retired pastors in Blue Springs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION FOR THE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

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Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate ten years of Wild and Scenic designation for eastern Connecticut's Eightmile River Watershed.

The Eightmile River Watershed is situated among the towns of Lyme, Salem, and East Haddam, Connecticut. Despite its name, the watershed is comprised of over 150 miles of pristine rivers and streams and 62 square miles of relatively undeveloped rural land. It boasts unfragmented habitats, rare and diverse wildlife, scenic vistas, high water quality, unimpeded stream flow, and significant cultural features. Most notably, the overall Eightmile River Watershed ecosystem is healthy and intact throughout virtually all of its range.

In 2008, under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, the Eightmile River Watershed became an official part of the nation's Wild and Scenic River System. This designation established a non-regulatory management plan to be implemented jointly by the National Park Service and the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee. It ensures the watershed is funded and protected well into the future. This achievement and its ten-year milestone is especially important to me, as H.R. 986, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River